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 For: 'Balanced And Damped Suspension For Use In A Disk Drive'

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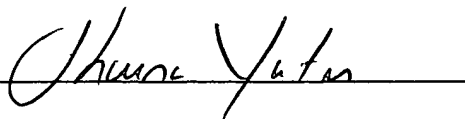
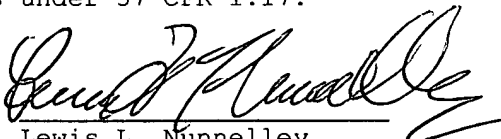
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION Technology Center 2600

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004, please enter the following remarks in the above identified patent application.

In the Claims:

The original claims are presented for reconsideration.

1. (Original) A suspension for use in a magnetic storage disk drive, comprising:
 - a hinge member; and,
 - a load beam having an associated head gimbal pivot point and a torsional axis, wherein said hinge and said load beam are formed separately and